

Nolensville First United Methodist Church



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November 2011

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

What a wonderful time of year! The air is brisk, the leaves have color, Charge Conference is over, basketball is soon to start, and we are approaching two of the most important days of the church calendar, All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving.

It saddens me that Thanksgiving is almost the lost holiday. It has been robbed of its importance by Christmas commercialization. As soon as Halloween is over, we head full-speed into Christmas without much of a slowdown for Thanksgiving. We are a much-blessed people but often reel from life because we are not thankful. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." (*Psalms 92:1*) Thanksgiving is the beginning of theology, the seed of blessing. Start a daily practice of giving thanks and marvel at the blessings in life.

This is also the season of remembering the saints, an often neglected holiday of the church. It is always a very special service to me as I remember church members and family lost during the past year. It is also a time to reflect on those who have been so influential and meaningful in my life and in my faith development. These are people who taught me that I was a child of God, loved and redeemed; people who instilled in me a love of reading and reading the Bible; people who taught the dignity of all people and the attention due them.

As we look to the future of our church, might I share some of the qualities and lessons we need?

Saints had a vision that saw beyond the bend. In 1837, some of the people called "Methodists" began a congregation in this area. They built for the future that they could not see except with eyes of faith that God gave. They built, not only for themselves but for the coming generations.

When I was small, maybe six or seven, I remember "working" with Granddaddy at the church. Stakes with string marked the place for the footings for the foundation of the "new" educational building at Woodbine Methodist Church that he was helping to build. What serendipity when I came back to Woodbine as associate years later and soon preached his funeral. What Granddaddy, and others, built was not only bricks and mortar but a church that taught the children and introduced them to the love of God in Jesus Christ.

When I think of the saints of my life, I think of people who were at church Sunday after Sunday. If they were not there they were travelling or ill. Six days were sufficient for all other activities. The worship of God on Sunday was not optional, or a Sunday morning decision. Their example means a lot to me, particularly in a day when so much tries to crowd out the worship of God on Sunday morning.

The saints knew the meaning of sacrificial giving. They gave when times were tough. They gave when there were other demands and needs. They knew that their investment in the work of God's Kingdom demanded from them all they could do.

I have many other memories and blessings from the saints in my life, some of whom are still with us.

Take some time to reflect on what the saints in your life mean to you.

And as an act of gratitude to them, let us make their spiritual practices what we adopt and pass on to others.

Standing in grace,
Growing in love,

Pastor Jim

Building Christ's family to love God and to serve others.

MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

So that, we serve others.

JESUS' CLOSET



Jesus' Closet
Saturday November 19

How you can help:

- ✧ Financial contribution - Donations can be made on our Facebook page or with a check made to NFUMC, memo "Jesus' Closet"
- ✧ New or gently used winter clothes (sizes infant thru Junior sizes)
- ✧ Coats, toys, teen items, shoes
- ✧ Volunteer your time
- ✧ Sponsor a fundraiser
- ✧ Like "Jesus Closet" Facebook page and share with your friends
- ✧ Help with planning

You may drop off any clothing or toy donations in the New Fellowship Hall behind the partitions. Please do not put merchandise on the chairs.

The next planning meeting is Tuesday, November 1, at 7pm.

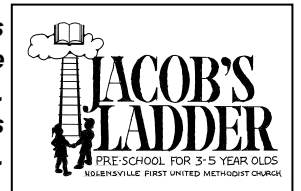
In Christ's love,

- Heather Gee-Thomas
973-0888
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Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 22, 7pm at NFUMC

Join Nolensville area churches in thanksgiving for the blessing that God has bestowed on us. A love offering will be collected for Meals on Wheels of Williamson County.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. (1 Chronicles 16:8) **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."** (Matthew 9:37-38)



Jacob's Ladder is an evangelistic outreach ministry of our congregation which has been so blessed by God since opening eight years ago as He has watched over our program, our finances, our staff and board of directors. Our staff has more than doubled from three teachers and a volunteer facilitator to five teachers, an aid, a music teacher, and both a director and assistant director. Families come from Nashville, Brentwood, Spring Hill, Antioch, Smyrna, Franklin, and Nolensville because we offer such a sound early childhood development program in a nurturing Christian environment. The workers God has sent to Jacob's Ladder are committed to bringing the love of Christ to our children. Each year, we are the only church fellowship for at least a third of our students!

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I am asking a huge favor of our congregation. Could you please write a Thanksgiving note to our staff and put it in the Jacob's Ladder mailbox. They are our greatest asset. If you prefer, you can e-mail it to jacobsladder@nolensvilleumc.org. We are also selling tickets for the semi-annual Belk's Charity Sale to be held on Saturday, November 5, from 6:00-10:00 AM. Tickets are \$5.00 and are worth \$5.00 toward a purchase before or on the morning of the charity sale. Proceeds will go toward enhancement of the playground.

- Terri Anderson
Director, Jacob's Ladder
jacobsladder@nolensvilleumc.org



**Red Cross
Blood Drive**
Nolensville Community Blood Drive
2:15pm - 7:15pm

**Thursday
November 17
2:15-7:15pm**

Schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using the code Nolensville or call 519-8494.

ROOM IN THE INN

Host groups are:

November 14, Emmaus Class
November 28, Fellowship Class

For information on how you can volunteer or contribute to this wonderful ministry, contact Michele Overton at 426-3600, or www.nolensvilleumc.org/roomintheinn



Car Wash for Guatemala
Saturday, November 5
10am-2pm
Nolensville Dollar General



FOLLOW ME

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” The United Methodist Church seeks to follow Christ by making disciples for the transformation of the world. Jesus said, **“Tend my sheep,”** and the General Conference, in response, calls for development of faith communities in specific areas, with one of them being Latin America. **“Feed my sheep,”** Jesus said, and the church is developing projects to provide a response to poverty not only in Africa, Asia, and the United States, but also in Latin America. Christ calls, **“Follow me,”** and a goal has been set to deploy missionaries for global health, with, once again, a targeted area being Latin America.

Participation in short term mission work is a highly effective means of following Christ for two reasons. First, Christ’s sheep around the globe can be tended and fed physically, emotionally and spiritually. Second, the mission workers are tended and fed physically, emotionally, and above all, spiritually as they become the disciples who are the hands and feet of Jesus. It provided an opportunity for our young people, as well as adults, to reflect on a possible call to professional Christian service.

Our congregation has already established a four year history of mission participation in Guatemala, working on churches, building schools and homes, helping with orphans, assisting in clinics, and establishing life long memories of tending Christ’s sheep. As we plan for our work this summer we extend an invitation to ALL who have an INTEREST, or even a CURIOSITY, or a DREAM of experiencing work in the foreign mission field in Latin America to attend a meeting on Thursday, November 3, at 7pm, at the church Please call Jon or Terri Anderson (395-0065) if you have questions or want to help but are not able to attend the meeting.

Jacob’s Ladder is participating in the Funding Factory Recycling Program and we need your help. This is a passive fundraiser at no cost to you. It is as simple as bringing in your empty printer cartridges, both inkjet and laser, as well as old cell phones. We will send these items to the Funding Factory Recycling Program and in return earn money to use towards needed items for our wonderful preschool. There will be a grey tote labeled “recycling bin” just outside Room #7 (the Good News classroom) for you to place your empty printer cartridges and cell phones. Any questions, call Tonia Bush at 776-7362.

Thank you for all your support!

Jacob’s Ladder staff

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This is one of a series of articles about the United Methodist Church, its purpose, structure, and mission.

“Four Areas of Focus: Second Area, Creating New Places for New People and Renewing Existing Congregations”

“Tend My lambs.” (John 21:16c)

Leveraging and complementing the influx of dynamic leadership is the aim of this focus area, ultimately starting new faith communities and renewing existing ones. Energized congregations recapture the Wesleyan spirit. With more than 180 million unchurched people in the United States, making it the third-largest mission field in the English-speaking world and the fifth-largest globally, partners across the church aim to evangelize the United States. Through this focus area, we will:

- ✘ Recruit, train, and provide resources for new church planters to start churches in partnership with annual conferences in the United States;
- ✘ Develop new churches and faith communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe;
- ✘ Ensure new church planters and congregations succeed; train and equip lay and clergy leaders with an exceptional online library of best-practice resources on how to plant and grow vital congregations;
- ✘ Provide congregations engaged in revitalization efforts with essential evangelism, stewardship, and worship resources;
- ✘ Reach millions of people through a media-awareness campaign.

Your giving to NFUMC, and NFUMC’s apportionments to the UMC support this focus area.

- adapted from *The United Methodist Handbook*



Let us come before Him with thanksgiving...

- ✘ For Barb Belden’s Metro Nashville Chorus that won the women’s Mid-Size Chorus World Championship in Houston last month.

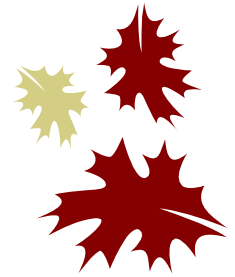
The Deep Need to Forgive

When Leonardo da Vinci was painting “The Last Supper,” he became angry with a man and lashed out at him. He even threatened him. Then he went back to his fresco and tried to paint the face of Jesus. He couldn’t for there was too much evil stirring inside of him. The lack of peace forced him to put down his brushes, go find the man, and ask his forgiveness. Only then did he have the inner calm needed to do the face of his Master.

All volunteer schedules (including updates!) are on the website under "Calendars."

Sunday Children's Ministries

		Children's Message	Children's Church	Acolytes
November 6	8:00	Pastor Jim	NEED	
	10:30	Pastor Jim	Amy Ray	NEED
November 13	8:00	NEED	NEED	
	10:30	NEED	Amy Ray	NEED
November 20	8:00	NEED	NEED	
	10:30	NEED	Amy Ray	NEED
November 27	8:00	NEED	NEED	
	10:30	NEED	Amy Ray	NEED



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Committee will start off the 2012 Stewardship Campaign with a mailing and short talks at Sunday services.

Consecration Sunday will be on November 13. We will have breakfast after first service followed by a presentation of all church activities. There will be no Sunday school that Sunday.

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE

November 6 - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Jsh 24:1-3a, 13-25 Ps 34:1-10, 22
1 Jn 3:1-3 Mat 5:1-2

November 13 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Jg 4:1-7 Ps 123
1 Thess 5:1-11 **Mat 25:14-30**

November 20 - Christ the King Sunday

Ez 34:11-16, 20-24 Ps 100
Eph 1:15-23 **Mat 25:31-46**

November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

Is 64: 1-9 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Cor 1:3-9 **Mk 13:24-37**

Celebration Sunday, November 13

We have just the kind of church we want. The question is, what kind of church does God want?

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The **Believers Class** is responsible for set-up, drinks, and clean up on November 13, at 9:15am. Please remember that the class responsible for Second Sunday breakfast is also requested to provide cookies, donuts, or other snacks for all other Sundays of that month.



Please put ALL food away after fellowship on Sundays. We are called to be fishers of men, not mice and ants!

Sundays are available in November for altar flowers. Please sign up in the front hallway, or contact the front office.

The 2012 calendar is available online. Go to www.nolensvilleume.org, click on the "calendars" icon, then click on "Flower Ministry."

Nolensville First United Methodist Church
PRESENTS THE SECOND ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TEA

*Stories of Hope
and Encouragement*

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. RoseAnne Coleman

Treat yourself to a relaxing afternoon of scrumptious cuisine and a cup of tea while Dr. RoseAnne Coleman shares inspiring, hilarious, thought-provoking stories that will fire up your imagination and prepare your heart for this Christmas season



Saturday, December 3, 2011

Doors Open at 1:30 p.m. to preview tables

EVENT BEGINS AT 2 P.M.



Nolensville First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
7316 Nolensville Road
Nolensville, TN 37135

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Call 615-776-2815 for more information



Intergenerational Advent Study
On November 30 and December 7, we will have a special Advent nights. On those Wednesdays, we will sup together and then have intergenerational activities: crafts, stories, and games for all ages.
Stay tuned for more information!

**UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN**

The UMW met October 12 at the church. Mary Martin opened our meeting with prayer and reading "The Purpose." Mary's devotion, "Volunteering for Christ," was taken from Ephesians, Peter, Acts, and Galatians. Mary stressed the importance of volunteering at any age.

Four UMW went to the District Meeting in Centerville, Tennessee. On September 24, Mary Martin was installed as a member of the Nominating Committee. The Nolensville First UMW received honorable mention for 2011 Mission Today award.

Karen Hoffmeister and Theresa Pickett will purchase items for the twelve backpacks purchased for our Room in the Inn guests.

Mechelle Murphy was our hostess. She introduced our guest speaker, Katie Harris. Katie is president of our District UMW. Her talk was taken from *Walk with Wholeness*.

Mary read a poem, "Give Praise," and closed our meeting with a prayer.

After the meeting, we took part in an auction sale for the UMW. Each one brought items for the sale. Mary Martin was our auctioneer. With 21 members present, we had great fun bidding against each other. The auction made \$557.

Several women in our unit are members of the Worship committee at NFUMC. They asked to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Some of the auction money will be used to purchase new decorations.

The Nolensville First UMW are a very active group of women. We invite other ladies to join us. We have interesting meetings and contribute to a large number of mission projects locally and other areas. We are always happy to support projects here at NFUMC. Please join us Wednesday, November 9, at 10:30, at church.

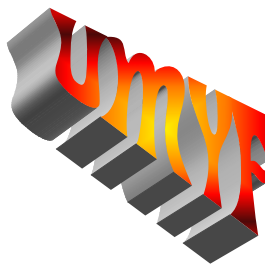
- Carolyn Battle
Secretary

IN EVERY
THING GIVE
THANKS; FOR
THIS IS GOD'S
WILL FOR YOU
IN CHRIST
JESUS.



YOUTH NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wed	Nov 2	6:30pm	Bible Study
Sun	Nov 6	5pm	Youth Group (UMYF)
Wed	Nov 9	6pm	Shopping for Jesus' Closet
Sun	Nov 13	5pm	Youth-led Youth Group (UMYF)
	Nov 15		Baby Tidball is due!
Wed	Nov 16	6:30pm	Bible Study
Sat	Nov 19		Mission Saturday - Jesus' Closet
Sun	Nov 20		No Youth Group
Mon	Nov 21	1pm	Trip to Upper Room
Wed	Nov 23	6:30pm	No Bible Study - Thanksgiving Break
Sun	Nov 27		No Youth Group



-Sam Tidball
Youth Director
youth@nolensvilleumc.org

YOUNG HEARTS

Young Hearts met October 28 in the Fellowship Hall with 39 members present. We enjoyed making baskets for our shut-ins. They were delivered by our members. We will not meet in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 13. We will attend "A Lifeway Christmas," performed by Lifeway employees.

2011 has been a great year with interesting programs and enjoyable trips. We added several new members and we look forward to 2012.

- Carolyn Crigger
Secretary

Parents, A friendly reminder of our Safe Sanctuary policy: **ALL children from Nursery to 6th Grade must be dropped off and picked up by a parent.** Please do not send an older sibling to pickup a child from Sunday School.

Thanking you in advance for assisting in keeping Nolensville a "Safe Sanctuary" for our children!

November 2011

BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Wendy Mucci; 11/2 Roger Carroll; 11/3 Ron Pope, Sarah Overton, Arden Sparks; 11/4 Peggy Wilson, Susan Foote; 11/5 Ed Martin, Mark Jones, Pamela McCord, Caleb Hagan; 11/6 Debra Shults, Gary Hall; 11/7 Mike Nichols; 11/8 Andrew Tidball, Keri Huber; 11/9 Jim Haley, Josh Hall, 11/10 Kerry Dove; 11/11 Debbie Walter, Emma Sarappo; 11/12 Mary Blake Hawthorne, Harrison Hawthorne; 11/13 Wayne Sheffield, Jason Reed; 11/14 Clay Cooper; 11/16 Kyle Blevins; 11/17 John Thompson, Barry Willis; 11/18 Kim Woodward; 11/19 Mike Cooper; 11/21 Glen Taylor; 11/22 Frank Wilson; 11/25 Mary Martin, Carol Huber, Chris Grosson, Carson Howell; 11/26 Bea Robins, Jimmy Wilson, Dallas Slater; 11/27 Sam Dove, Alec Lindsey; 11/28 John Williams, Carol Webb, Ryan Walsh, Ian Reed; 11/29 Alicia Myatt, David Taylor; 11/30 Jimmy Alexander, Craig Hallum

ANNIVERSARIES

Mechelle & Jimmy Murphy (16); 11/23 Beth & Doug Paul (4); 11/24 Lucy & Stan Brown (27)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

BEHIND THE SCENES

So that, we serve others.

FROM THE SPRC

For the better part of a year, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has been working together with Pastor Jim and the rest of the staff to develop a new and improved way to evaluate and support our pastor and all church staff. This process involved our reading the book "Watching Over Each Other in Love" published by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. The essence of the book is summarized in the statement "support without accountability yields moral weakness and accountability without support is cruel". I believe we all can agree that neither moral weakness nor cruelty is the way our church should conduct any of our business, especially when dealing with other people. Therefore, the members of the SPRC began developing covenants for all of the staff.

The covenants are based on the belief that our Pastor and other staff should held accountable and at the same time be supported. The covenants have several sections that deal with issues such as performance goals for the staff, responsibilities of the SPRC and assigned staff liaisons as well as how disputes will be handled. The covenants are clearly intended to be living documents as the programs of our church change. There is even a section that reminds us of our connection with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. The section that deals with the handling of disputes even has a section of responsibilities for the congregation as a whole. The covenant template was approved at the most recent Church Council of Stewards and enthusiastically endorsed at this years Charge Conference.

Your SPRC is planning a staff benediction service before the end of the year and each of you will be encouraged to attend. As a part of this service each of you will be asked to pledge your support to our staff just as we do a newly baptized child or new member that joins our church. The section of the covenant that deals with conflict resolution is included below so you can review and become familiar with the content.

We will use the following agreed-upon guidelines for handling grievances, concerns, or conflict:

Staff:

- ✘ Seek out your SPRC liaison as soon as you are aware of a problem or potential problem.
- ✘ Provide honest and complete information to your liaison when an issue is raised.
- ✘ Pray about the issue to seek clarity and peace before reacting in a public setting.

SPRC:

- ✘ Maintain strict confidence in dealing with matters related to staff performance.
- ✘ Pray regularly for our pastor and staff.
- ✘ Listen to the concerns of the congregation in order to solve problems sooner rather than later.
- ✘ Insure current and correct information is available to the congregation.

*Fisher of men;
them You came to deliver
from the waters of sin;
to fish untainted
by the envious sea
You cast the bait
of sweet fresh life.
Guide Your flock
of spiritual sheep;
guide holy King
guide Your unsullied
children.
The prints of Christ feet
show the way to heaven.*

SPRC Liaison:

- ✘ Communicate promptly with the affected staff member when legitimate matters of concern are raised.
- ✘ Seek objective information related to the issue raised. (Don't rely on heresay and/or gossip)
- ✘ Involve the entire SPRC and Pastor to insure key individuals are aware of issues that may develop into larger scale problems.

Congregation:

- ✘ We will contact a member of the SPPR committee when questions about individual job performance exist, BEFORE I talk to other congregational members.
- ✘ We will seek to engage in positive methods of problem resolution focused on spiritual clarity and the benefit of the entire congregation.
- ✘ Rely on the integrity and collective wisdom of the SPRC members to determine how to resolve staff performance issues. This means that the SPRC will be the official means of communication with the conference and district offices in matters of pastoral appointment.
- ✘ We will not seek to obtain confidential information from the members of the SPRC.

Please be in prayer for our staff and members of the SPRC as we finish up the year 2011 and prepare for an exciting 2012.



*Unto thee, O God,
do we give thanks,
unto thee do we give thanks:
for that thy name is near
thy wondrous works declare.*

FROM THE TRUSTEES

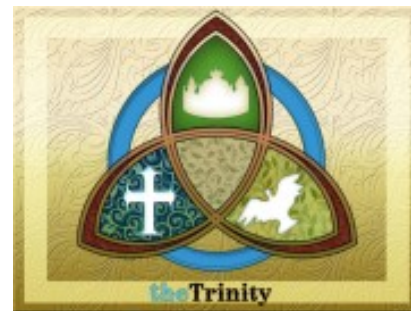
Endowment Program: The Trustees presented the charter of the Endowment Program of Nolensville First United Methodist Church, Nolensville, Tennessee, to the Church Council of Stewards and received approval to present it at Charge Conference on October 23, 2011. Approval of the Endowment Program was made at the Charge Conference and the first Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Committee of Nolensville United Methodist Church was elected.

The Endowment Program was established for the purpose of providing members and friends opportunities to make charitable gifts to NFUMC, that will become a permanent endowment of financial support and a living memorial. The Endowment Program is intended to supplement the church's established programs which are funded through the annual operating budget of the church and the regular giving of its members. It is also for purposes which are not a part of the church's programs funded through the annual operating budget of the church and the regular giving of its members.

The Endowment Program will be administered by the Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Committee of NFUMC under authority granted by the Charge Conference. The members of the Committee and its chairperson shall serve until their successors have been elected.

The Members of the Committee are as follows:

- ✦ Class of 2012: Dr. John Thompson and Bobby Jones.
- ✦ Class of 2013: Joe Allen and Eddie McGee.
- ✦ Class of 2014: Jimmy Reaves (chair) and Zannie Martin
- ✦ Pastor Jim Norton
- ✦ Chair of Finance: Jeff Eubanks
- ✦ Financial Secretary: Beth Lindsey
- ✦ Trustee Representative: tbd
- ✦ Treasurer: William Edmondson



Note: Six persons were elected at Charge Conference. These members are elected to serve a one-year term, a two-year, or a three-year term. In succeeding elections, terms are for three years, and nothing shall prohibit a person from being nominated and elected to serve a second term on the Endowment Fund Committee.

The Bell Tower: The Bell Tower was found to have a leak in the roof (red section at top) upon inspection by our insurance adjustor. This section of the roof will have to be removed to install a new water proof barrier between the roof and decking. The water damage to the left front corner of the Bell Tower will also be repaired and the front repainted.

Please be in prayer that the Lord will lead us to find these funds needed for repairs in addition to the \$6,500 per week needed for operation of church.

- Jimmy W. Reaves
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Worship Times

8:00am and 10:30am Sunday Mornings
9:15am Sunday School

Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Jim Norton	pastorjim@nolensvilleumc.org
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Jacob's Ladder Director:	Terri Anderson	jacobs ladder@nolensvilleumc.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6</p> <p>2:00pm Worship Readiness 3:00pm Drama Troupe 3:00pm Disciple Class 4:00pm Ch. Play Rehearsal 5:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00pm J.L. Board 6:30pm Lion's Club set up 7:00pm Lions Club 7:00pm Cub Scouts Den 6</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm scout setup 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:00pm Worship & Sp Form 7:00pm SPRC</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am UMW set-up 10:30am UMW 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00pm Youth Shopping for Jesus' Closet 6:30pm Women's Study 6:30pm 10 Commandments 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm Young Adults</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>3:00pm Drama Troupe 3:00pm Disciple Class 4:00pm Ch. Play Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00pm Youth - Upper Room 6:30pm Cub Scouts Den 2 6:30pm Lion's Club set-up 7:00pm Lion's Club 7:00pm Cub Scouts Den 6</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>26</p>	
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S U N D A Y S C H O O L N E W S

Praise the Lord, I say, Praise the Lord! Nancy Allen has agreed to teach the 5th & 6th Graders for the Winter quarter which runs from December through February. Now we are waiting to see who the Lord has in mind to teach the 5th & 6th graders for the Spring quarter starting in March. Make sure you are listening because sometimes God whispers and then again sometimes he just gives you a love tap on the head like Gibbs does to his team on *NCIS*.

God has given us all gifts and he wants us to use them! Just imagine if you gave someone a gift and they ignored it, regifted it, returned it, or threw it in the trash. That sounds like a situation that Dear Abby could advise on.

Dear Abby,

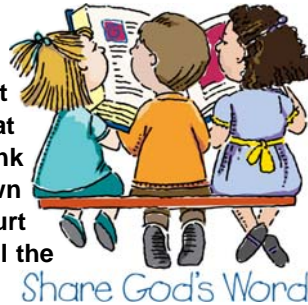
I gave my beloved child a heart felt gift that I knew would help him grow in his faith and become closer to Me. However, to this date, I haven't seen him use it. What should I do Abby? It really hurts my feelings to think he thinks so little of Me and the gift I gave him. Thanks for your advice.

Love, God

Dear God,

So happy to hear from You. I feel like I'm not equipped to advise You since You know all and what is best for each and everyone of us. However, I think when he comes "home to Heaven," I would sit down with him and explain how Your feelings were hurt when he ignored Your gift. By the way, thanks for all the blessings you have bestowed on me.

Love, Abby



I do not know about you but I hope I have used and appreciated all the gifts that God has given me because I would not want to have to face Him to answer a question like that.

At our last UMW meeting, Mary Martin gave a devotional about how we should picture God's face when we are asked to do jobs, etc., for the church. If God was the one asking, would we dare say No to Him? I know we cannot do it all but we need to prayerfully ask where God wants **each and everyone of us** and how we are giving back to the church and God. When a handful of people try to do it all, they burn out and then we have no one to fill all the volunteer slots that a church has. Our church is a family and we have "chores" that need to be done. So go get your work clothes on and nobody eats until the chores are done!!!

In the children's Sunday School department, we have been studying Genesis. Besides the regular lesson from Faithweaver, I try to add a few extras for the preschoolers. For example, I have been teaching the class that Genesis is the first book of the Bible and that the Bible is made up of 66 different books. This Sunday, I had one of my students so excited to tell me (without me asking) that the first book in the Bible was Genesis. They also enjoyed the weeks that our Bible verse was from **Deuteronomy 6:5 LOVE GOD WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART**. First they loved the word, "Deuteronomy" which made them laugh. Plus, when I teach a Bible verse, I try to say it with a sing/song or rap voice and they love it.

I thank God for these children and for the strength and wisdom he gives me so I can do the Sunday School Superintendent job and be a preschool teacher. Most Sunday mornings on the drive over, I am praying that he gives me the strength and wisdom so I can guide the preschoolers and give them a good foundation in understanding God's Word.

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